



TESTIMONY
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CONNECTICUT CONFERENCE OF MUNICIPALITIES
to the
PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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CCM is Connecticut's statewide association of towns and cities and the voice of local governments - your partners in governing Connecticut. Our members represent over 93% of Connecticut's population.

We appreciate the opportunity to testify on the following bill of interest to towns and cities:

S.B. 1038, "An Act Concerning Economic Development Programs Impacting Local Government"

CCM supports this bill.

This bill would require the Department of Economic Development (DECD) to conduct a study of "economic development programs impacting local government". The commissioner of DECD must submit the results of the study to the Planning & Development Committee by January 1, 2010.

A study could include an examination of the period of time it takes DECD to approve municipal economic development proposals. For years, municipal officials have told tales of economic development proposals that foundered when developers gave up the projects due to long waits for approvals.

S.B. 1038 would help ensure that DECD services and approaches are coordinated with towns and cities.

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